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## WRAY CONFIRMED BY SENATE TO LEAD FBI

**I**n the U.S. Senate on Tuesday confirmed former Justice Department lawyer Christopher Wray as FBI chief, nearly three months after the agency's previous director, James Comey, was fired by President Donald Trump. Wray, who was confirmed by vote of 92-5, will take charge of the country's top domestic law enforcement agency during a federal probe into allegations of collusion



between the Trump presidential campaign and Russia.

## TILLERSON: US WOULD LIKE DIALOGUE WITH N. KOREA

**2** The United States does not seek to topple the government of North Korea and would like to have a dialogue with Pyongyang at some point, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said on Tuesday. "We do not seek a regime change, we do not seek a collapse of the regime, we do not seek an accelerated reunification of the peninsula, we do not seek an excuse to send our military



north of the 38th Parallel," Tillerson told reporters at the State Department.

"We are not your enemy ... but you are presenting an unacceptable threat to us, and we have to respond. And we hope that at some point they will begin to understand that and we would like to sit and have a dialogue with them."

## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### SURFS UP

**3** Coco Ho carves the wave during her Round 1 heat at the Vans US Open of Surfing on Tuesday in Huntington Beach, California.

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## SEED FUNDING SLOWS IN SILICON VALLEY

**4** The bloom is off seed funding, the business of providing money to brand-new start-ups, as investors take a more measured approach to financing emerging U.S. technology companies. Seed-stage financing has been sliding for the last two years, with the number of transactions down about 40 percent since the peak in mid-2015, data show. Dollar investments in fledgling

companies have also declined, although less dramatically, dropping more than 24 percent over the same period. The slowdown comes despite an explosion of interest by wealthy individuals and foreign investors looking to park money in the next big thing. And it has potentially big implications for Silicon Valley. Early-stage funding is the lifeblood of a technology ecosystem built on risk-taking.

## VENEZUELA JAILS OPPOSITION LEADERS

**5** Venezuela jailed two leading critics of President Nicolas Maduro on Tuesday in a fresh blow to the opposition after the election of a new political body with absolute powers to strengthen the hand of the leftist government. In a statement announcing the jailing of opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez and veteran politician Antonio Ledezma, the pro-government Supreme Court

said they were planning to flee the country and had violated terms of their house arrest by making political statements and speaking to media. But government opponents called the abrupt removal of the men from their homes by security forces in nighttime raids a sign of Maduro's determination to silence rivals and stamp out four months of massive street protests against him.

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# Boston researchers develop a robotic suit to help stroke patients walk

The "soft" wearable device can aid users' mobility during physical therapy and in their day-to-day lives.



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Stroke patients may soon be able to wear a robotic suit that can help them walk without a limp.

Researchers at Boston

University's College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences and the Harvard School of Engineering worked together to develop a wearable "soft" robotic suit, also called an exosuit, that can help with stroke recovery.

About 85 percent of people who have had a stroke regain the ability to walk, said Terry Ellis, director of the Center for Neurorehabilitation at BU. But the majority will have impaired walking, she added, and the treat-

ment options for a post-stroke patient are limited.

Currently, patients are given a walker, cane or plastic brace that fits on the leg and prevents them from tripping over their own feet. Lou Awad, a faculty member at Harvard's Wyss Institute and at BU, said that those mobility aids are practically "from prehistoric times."

They're also problematic, Ellis added, because these options hinder the patient's ability to recover, since they aren't strengthening the muscles necessary to develop a normal gait again.

"This is what's been happening in rehabilitation for years — there hasn't been any major developments or improvements away from plastic braces or walkers," she said.

"With the soft suit, the idea here is that we can augment the amount of force the muscles are able to produce so we can enhance walking and enhance recovery," she added. "So people can walk better, walk faster, and it can be more efficient."

The exosuit came out of a project by a Harvard researcher looking to help soldiers save energy on long treks. Harvard then approached BU, Ellis said, about using the same technology to help those with disabilities.

Those who've had a stroke would only wear the suit on whichever side was impacted (not on both legs like the soldiers). Cables attached to fabric around the ankle joint connect to a motor worn around the waist. As users walk, the suit supports their movements. In the future, the suit will help with knee joint movement as well.

*"If a person can walk more and walk faster, it means they can retain at a higher intensity and train for longer periods of time."*

Lou Awad

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Researchers at Harvard and BU developed robotic technology to help stroke patients walk normally again. ROLEX AWARDS/FRED MERZ





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## Billie Lourd opens up

Late last year, Carrie Fisher and her mother, icon Debbie Reynolds, died within one day of each other. Now, Fisher's daughter, Billie Lourd, is opening up about their deaths, and her quirky family upbringing. It may or may not give you all the requisite feels.

The dual deaths hit Lourd hard, but she says that humor got her through it. "If life's not funny then it's just true — and that would be unacceptable," she tells *Town & Country*,

quoting her mom. "Even when she died, that was what got me through the whole thing. When Debbie died the next day, I could just picture her saying, 'Well, she's upstaging me once again, of course — she had to.'"

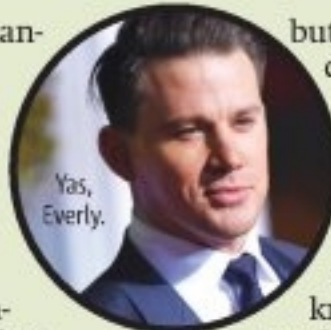
Aw. Anyway, Fisher and Reynolds are missed deeply, especially by this writer. Here's hoping Lourd will be able to step out on her own and distinguish herself — it's what they would want, probably.



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## Channing Tatum's daughter hated "Step Up"

Fun fact: Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan Tatum's daughter hated "Step Up." On "Jimmy Kimmel Live," Channing, 37, said little Everly could barely get past the first 10 minutes. Poor Channing thought Everly cared about watching her parents fall in love —



Yes,  
Everly.

but she definitely did not. Atta girl! "Within 10 seconds, she was like, 'Can I watch a real movie? I don't know, like a good one?'" Sick burn, Everly! "And then 10 more seconds went by and she was like 'Please can I watch a real movie?' I love this girl already.

## Casey Affleck is getting a divorce



Another celebrity marriage bites the dust.  
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Casey Affleck — a man Brie Larson refused to clap for — is officially getting divorced from his wife, Summer Phoenix. I would pity him, but you know. I don't.

The less perpetually sad Affleck and Phoenix announced their separation in March. They married in 2006, after being introduced to each other

by Phoenix's brother, Joaquin. They share two sons: Indiana, 13, and Atticus, 9.

OK, but why the divorce? Nobody knows but maybe those pesky sexual-harassment allegations have something to do with it. Nobody wants to be married to an alleged creep.

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# John Boyega wants you to wake up

The "Force Awakens" star gets real with Kathryn Bigelow's new docudrama "Detroit."



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If you're a serious actor, you do what John Boyega has done: You make a "Star Wars" movie, then you star in a dark and gritty drama that speaks to real-world ills. That said, when the young "Force Awakens" actor, 25, found himself on the set of "Detroit" — Kathryn Bigelow's account of the 1967 Detroit riot, which lasted five days and saw the racially-torn city turned into a war zone, complete with the National Guard stomping around — he saw that not everything was different.

"It seemed small until I saw tanks rolling through the street," Boyega says.



John Boyega plays Melvin Dissmukes, a security guard who witnessed a horrific racial incident in 1967, in "Detroit," in theaters Friday. BLEEKER STREET

The riot, which Boyega prefers to call a "rebellion," began when relations between the low-in-

come black populace and the mostly white (and very aggressive) police force came to loggerheads. The

bulk of "Detroit" zeroes in on one episode: when, on day three, white cops went to investigate a pos-

sible (and, as it were, erroneous) shooting at the run-down Algiers Motel. They rounded up 12 suspects — 10 black, two white — and physically and mentally tortured them. When they left, they'd killed three innocent people.

Boyega plays Melvin Dissmukes, a security guard who found himself tagging along with the police. At first he tried to help, thinking the presence of a black authority figure would mollify the cops' rage. He was wrong.

"Dissmukes really embodies the complexities of this story," Boyega says. "He didn't belong to any particular side. He was caught in the middle of it. He was trying as much as possible to balance everything out. That's a hard role to play as one man involved in such a situation."

The cops were acquitted of all charges — far from the only chillingly thing it has in common with today's headlines. Dissmukes, whom Boyega

spoke with during filming, was seen by some members of the black community as being in league with the officers.

"He told me about being called an 'Uncle Tom' because he was involved in the situation," Boyega says. "People said, 'Why didn't you do more? Why didn't you stand up for yourself?' It's very, very easy, when you're looking at the rebellion from the outside-in, to say that. We'd all want to be the superhero in that situation. That's not how life goes. Everybody has something to say until it goes down. It was a very scary situation, and he tried his best."

Boyega grew up in the Peckham district of South London. He never had the kind of fraught relationship with cops, not the way you see in "Detroit" or in parts of America.

"It doesn't feel like I've been targeted in any way. So my perspective is very different," Boyega says. Still, he has come of age during the 2011 London riot. "That was based on the same kind of social unrest people felt back then. It's interesting to see that in this film — to show that when the balance between civilians and law enforcement is not completely clear, you can make people feel very tense. That's the kind of world Dissmukes was living in."

For Boyega, "Detroit" isn't only about Detroit in 1967, or about America right now.

"The slogan to 'Detroit' is 'It's time we knew.' For me, that reflects on the many other stories people don't know about," explains Boyega. "It's important to understand that all over the world, race relations is an issue — even in places you wouldn't expect that to happen. In India, it's an issue. Same with Brazil. It's interesting to see how that hasn't gone away. And it's been so long since it happened."

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# Surrender to the Loews Boston Hotel's 'House Arrest' package

You don't need a criminal record to stay at this former police headquarters.

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For those who like their luxury spiked with a little adventure, the Loews Boston Hotel is letting guests stay under house arrest in what used to be the Boston Police Headquarters.

The hotel — the current occupant of the site — is offering what it calls the "House Arrest" package through March 31, 2018. It's a deal so good guests will feel they must have committed a crime.

Your cell will be one of Loews Boston's luxurious guest rooms, which offers prime views of the charming Back Bay area. Instead of being greeted with a bright-orange jumpsuit, Loews treats its inmates to a charcuterie board loaded with Italian meats and grilled bread.

While guests are free to explore Boston, it's not unlikely that

those who purchase the package will voluntarily lock themselves in at the luxury hotel.

The package comes with a \$150 food and beverage credit, usable at the Precinct Kitchen & Bar, which prides itself on Boston favorites like lobster rolls, clam-bakes and Boston cream pies. Also included is a complimentary in-room movie and free valet parking for one vehicle throughout the stay.

This isn't the first time Loews Hotel has made a cheeky homage to the building's past life in law enforcement. Since July 12, pop-up speakeasy The Traveller Bar has been serving artisan cocktails at the Loews Hotel.

The bar is filled with vintage touches, like the first edition of the oldest known cocktail-recipe book, in order for guests to feel like they're downing bootlegged gin. The Traveller Bar is leaving Friday, Aug. 4, so you have only a couple more days to drink up, Prohibition-style.

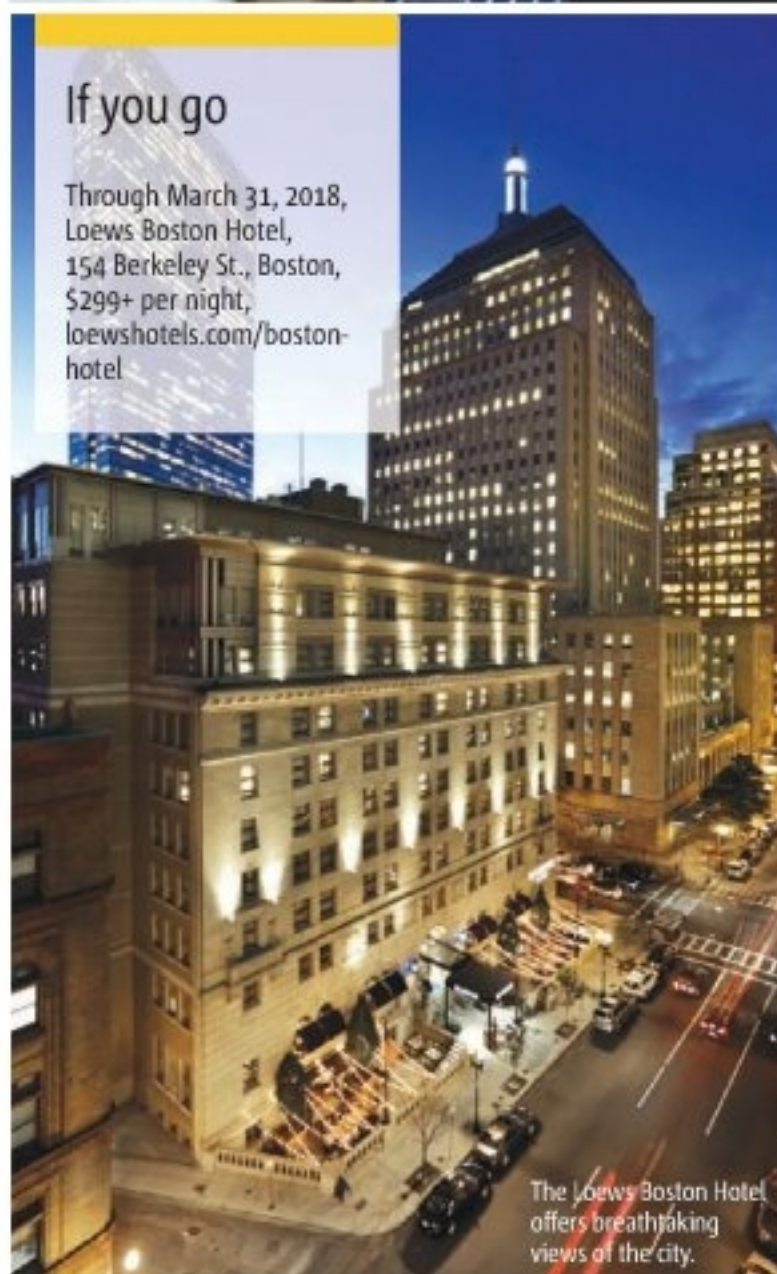
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## LET'S POUND SOME SELTZAH'S!

By now you've heard that Rob Gronkowski is going all-in on the Tom Brady diet. No tomatoes, no carbs, no fun.

Of course a big part of the Brady diet is "no alcohol," which could be an issue for Gronk. No. 87 can barely get through a championship parade without doing a few 12-ounce curls and you can't really say no to a drink in Vegas or on a cruise

ship (two of Gronk's favorite places in the universe).

Brady's quack doctor, Alex Guerrero, says that for every one alcoholic beverage you drink you have to consume at least three glasses of water to "make up for the cheating," which means Gronk might have to use the Jim McNally Memorial Restroom at Gillette

Stadium like 8-10 times per game this fall.

(Story referenced appeared in the Boston Herald)



## JORDAN VS. LAVAR BALL

Michael Jordan famously eviscerated all of his old opponents during his Hall of Fame speech a few years back. Not surprisingly, the ultra-competitive Jordan torched everyone's least favorite dad, LaVar Ball, this week after Ball said that he could beat Jordan in a game of one-on-one.

"Maybe if I was one-legged," Jordan said at his basketball camp. "You got to understand the source. I think he played college, maybe? He averaged 2.2 points a game. Really?"

Ball said this to USA Today about Jordan back in March:

"I would just back [Jordan] in and lift him off the ground and call a foul every time he fouls me when I do a jump hook to the right or



left," Ball said. "He cannot stop me one-on-one. He better make every shot 'cause he can't go around me.

He's not fast enough. And he can only make so many shots outside before I make every bucket under the rim."

## PINK HAT PATRIOTS FANS

The Patriots' popularity in New England has easily reached the level the Red Sox attained in the mid-2000s. Anyone and everyone has an opinion on the Pats in and around Boston.

The mainstream popularity mostly makes things fun, but it can also get annoying for longtime Pats fans. An example of the current pink hat Patriots culture is JAMN 94.5 FM trying to be 98.5 or WEEI when not playing "Despacito" for the 223rd time that particular day.

On Tuesday, a host was talking about Julian Edelman and Stephon Gilmore getting into a scuffle during a training camp practice. He said, "Edelman got in a fight with our new run-

ning back, Gilmore." (Of course, Gilmore is a cornerback.)

Last week, JAMN was asking listeners to call in and talk about the best sporting event they'd ever attended. Some dude called in and said the Colts-Patriots AFC title game (aka the Deflategate game) from two years ago (it was a boring game, BTW).

The host responded by saying, "Hey man, any time you can stick it to Peyton Manning, it's a good day!"

Of course, Manning was the QB of the Broncos at that time and hadn't played for the Colts in four years.

Not saying everybody around here has to be a sports genius, but if you're going to insist on talking sports in Boston — don't be a pink hat.



## GERIATRIC LEAGUE

Right up there with the phrase, "never meet your heroes" is "never watch your NBA heroes play in an old man's league."

Ice Cube's Big3 league was a cute idea, and I'll still watch that over the Little League World Series, the strongest man competition or whatever other crap ESPN is showing on a lazy Saturday afternoon

in the summer. But the nostalgia act is already wearing thin. It's hard to get too pumped up over Cuttino Mobley jacking ugly 3-pointers and Jermaine O'Neal getting hacked over and over again in slow motion.

Allen Iverson knows when to quit, as he did not show up for his latest Big 3 game. Iverson was reportedly out until

3 a.m. at a Chicago-area casino the night before the game in Dallas.

Can't imagine these guys are making enough money to feel the need to be, ya know, responsible the night before a game.

For the record, Iverson was averaging a team-low 2.0 points per game prior to his no-show.









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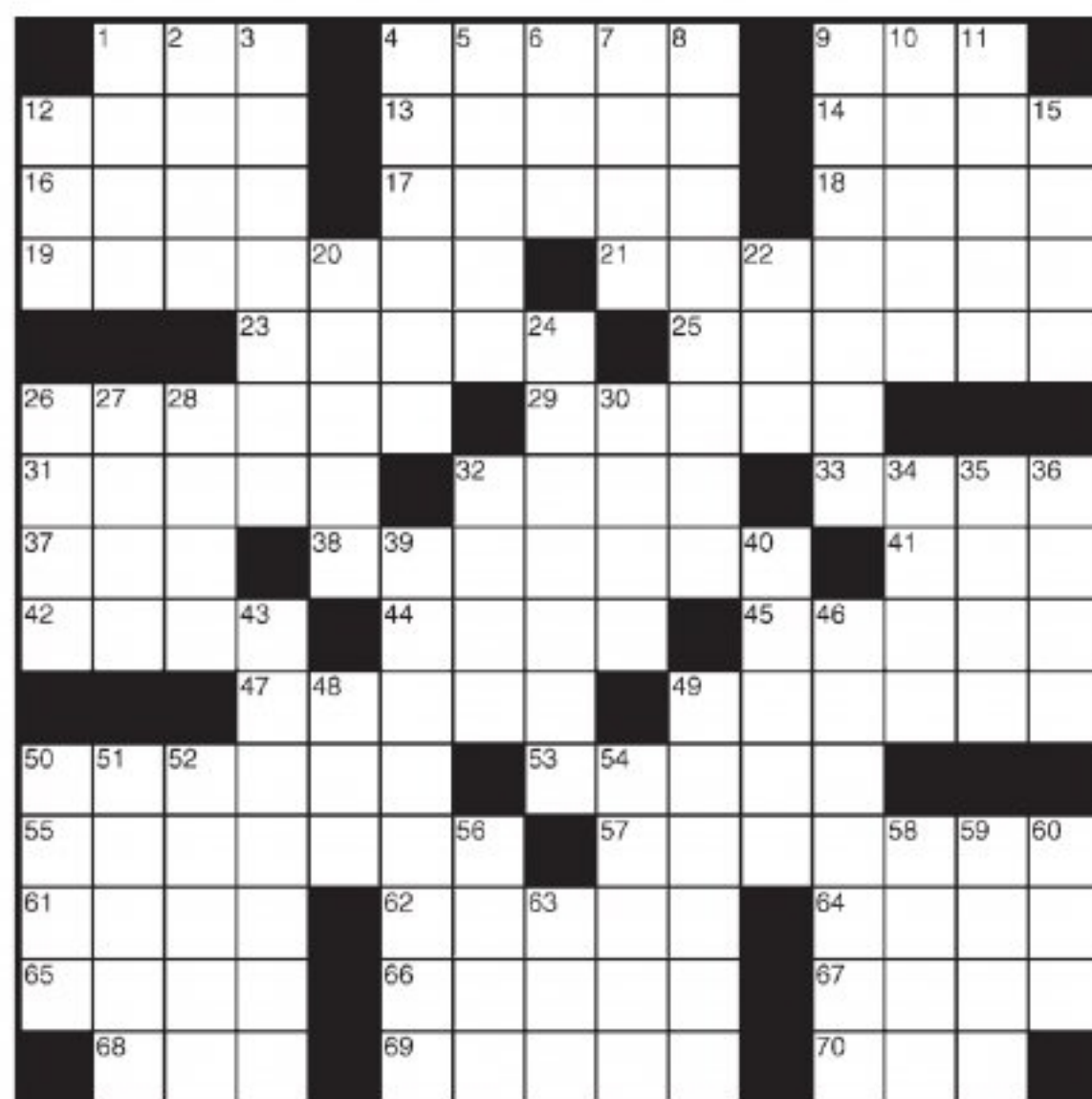
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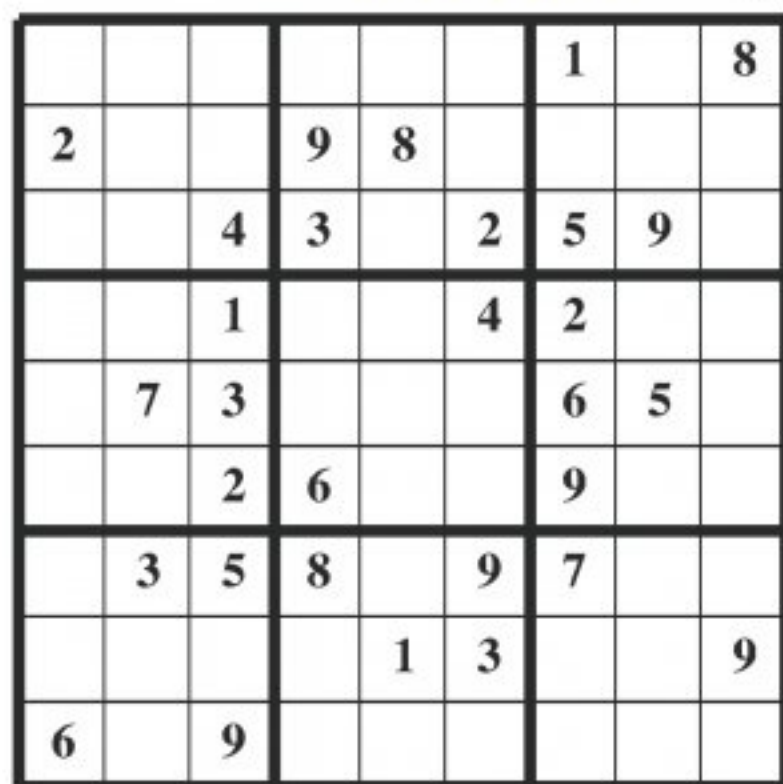
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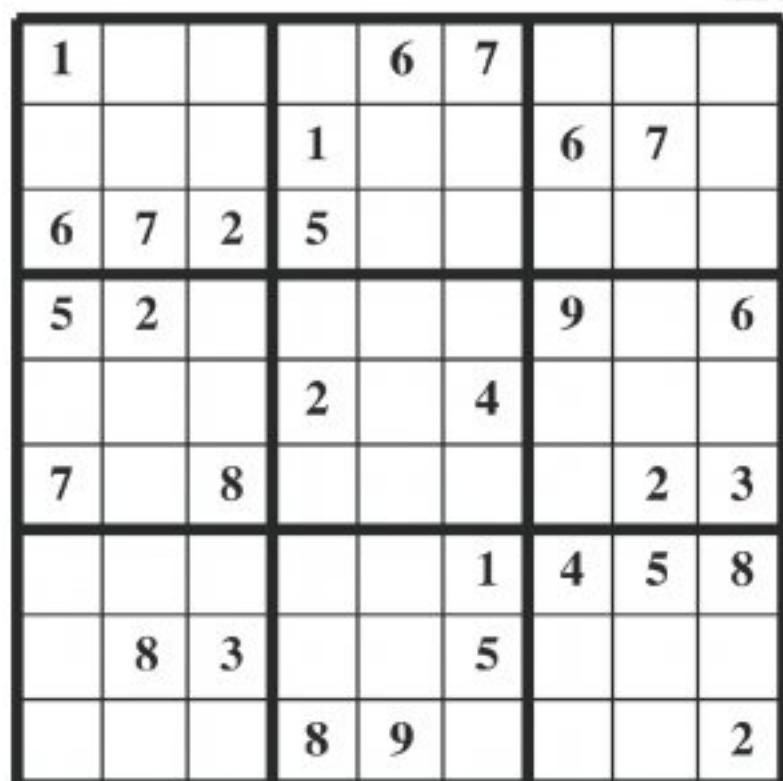


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**Taurus** Personal growth will give you inner strength and the ability to disregard the ignorance of others. Control and practicality will be the tools that help you find success.



**Gemini** Filter your emotions when dealing with sensitive issues. Listen to what everyone has to say before you come to a conclusion. Your actions will speak louder than words.



**Cancer** Be careful how you deal with your peers or boss. Someone will try to make you look bad. Use your intelligence to outsmart anyone who gets in your way.



**Leo** Look for an opportunity to expand your knowledge and ability to get ahead. Make improvements to your home and take care of responsibilities pertaining to children.



**Virgo** Make sure to convey your message clearly. You won't want to leave any room for a misunderstanding. Be precise, direct and, above all, patient.



**Libra** Taking care of matters that concern a friend or relative will put you in a good position. Your kindness and generosity will boost your reputation.



**Scorpio** A business or educational trip will leave you questioning what you want to do next. Trust in your instincts and do your own thing.



**Sagittarius** Understanding what's required to reach your goal will help you avoid failure. Strategize cleverly and stick to your budget. You can make a difference if you are realistic.



**Capricorn** Getting involved in a joint venture should be considered carefully. Take your time and study the dynamics of a partnership before moving forward.



**Aquarius** Discipline and desire will help you bring about the changes that will make you feel good about your life. Making a move or working on your home will be uplifting.



**Pisces** Think twice before you take on a new position. Someone is likely to withhold information in order to mislead you.

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